Sanctioned Posts in Railways

5166. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts sanctioned on Railways in various Grades, department-wise including Railway Board, RDSO and other units as on 1st January, 2000;

(b) the number of officers working against those posts on 1st January, 2000, grade-wise, department-wise, including Railway Board, RDSO and other units; and

(c) the number of promotee officers working against these posts, grade-wise and department-wise, as on 1st January, 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Surplus Land in Different Railway Divisions in South-Eastern Railways

5167. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minster of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total surplus land in different Railway Divisions in South-Eastern Railways;

(b) whether Government have prepared any scheme for the proper utilisation of those surplus land; and

(c) if so, the station-wise details thereof in South-Eastern Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The Railways do not have any surplus land. The land lying vacant at present is required by the Railway for their operational requirements and for future developmental plans.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Irregularities in NISCOM

5168. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of the Central Vigilance Commission examined the one man fact finding Committee report, submitted in August/October, 1997, regarding alleged irregularties at National Institute of Science Communication

(NISCOM), a constituent establishment of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research;

(b) if so, whether any proceedings are/were initiated against the Director and other officials of NISCOM; and

(c) if so, the total number and the designations of officials against whom proceedings are contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated by the respective disciplinary authorities against 18 officials in all including the then Director, NISCOM, 7 Scientists, 3 officers of the Deputy Secretary level, 2 Finance & Accounts Officers; 3 officers of the Section Officer level, 1 Technical Officer and 1 Upper Division Clerk.

Hindi Typewriter in the Ministry of Science and Technology

†5169. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such offices under the Ministry where not even a single typewriter in Hindi is available uptil now;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing Hindi typewriters so far and the names of officers responsible for this negligence; and

(c) the details of action taken to ensure proper compliance of targets fixed by the department of official language in the annual programmes on the official language regarding purchase of Hindi typewriters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) There is no office under the Ministry which does not have a Hindi typewriter. The Hindi typewriters are also supplemented with computers with Hindi language capabilities.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) These matters are regularly monitored in the meetings of the respective Official Language Implementation Committees. Further, the compliance of targets is ensured through procedural inspections carried out by this Department.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.